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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1562 - TANTALUM CAPA-
CITORS

REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1560/2, 1562/2, 1568/6

B. STATE 263359

SUMMARY: ALL DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED THE UK PROPOSAL TO
MOVE THE PRESENT AE CUTOFF TO THE MAIN TEXT OF THIS ITEM
EXCEPT THE US WHICH RESERVED FOR LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS.

ACTION REQUESTED: AGREE TO UK PROPOSAL AND LIFT US RE-
SERVE.

1. THE APRIL 9 DISCUSSION ON ITEM WAS ON THE BASIS OF
THE NEWLY REVISED UK PROPOSAL (REF A) FOR A NEW IL 1560
ENCOMPASSING OTHER CAPACITORS IN ADDITION TO THOSE MANU-
FACTURED FROM TANTALUM. SUBITEM (A) AND THE NOTE REFER-
RING THERETO ARE THE ONLY PORTIONS OF THIS NEW PROPOSAL
WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE PRESENT IL 1562.

2. ALL DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED (EXCEPT US, WHICH WAS WITH-
OUT INSTRUCTIONS) THIS NEWLY REVISED UK PROPOSAL. THE
JAPANESE DELEGATION COULD ACCEPT SINCE IT OBTAINED THE
OBJECTIVE OF THEIR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL ON THIS ITEM.

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3. ALL DELEGATIONS FELT THIS PROPOSAL WAS A VERY MODEST

ONE SINCE IT MOVED THE CURRENT AE CUTOFF TO THE MAIN TEXT. THE UK SUPPORTED THEIR PROPOSAL ONCE AGAIN WITH EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE OF BLOC CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE SIMILAR TANTALUM CAPACITORS.

4. COMMENT: THE US WAS IN A "NO INSTRUCTION" POSITION ON AN ITEM WHICH HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SINCE MARCH 1973. IT IS HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY, IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, SOME AGREEMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REACHED ON EVEN A MODEST RELAXATION SUCH AS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ALL DELEGATIONS OF COCOM (EXCEPT THE US), IF NOT ON TOTAL DELETION. TWO TTG REPORTS DATED OCTOBER 8, 1974 AND MARCH 4, 1975 HAVE MADE THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS NOW BEING ESPoused BY ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS. FOREMOST TANTALUM CAPACITOR EXPERTS IN DOD HAVE BEEN CONTACTED ON THIS ITEM AND HAVE ESPoused THE SAME VIEW. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SIT THROUGH TWO ROUNDS OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT KNOWING THE CONCERNS FROM OPPOSING AGENCIES AND THEREFORE NOT PRESENTING THEM. INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH TECHNICAL RATIONALE FOR CONCERNS TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY AND KEEP OTHER DELEGATIONS OPEN-MINDED ON SOME OF OUR MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AGREE TO THE UK REVISED PROPOSAL RELATING TO TANTALUM CAPACITORS AND LIFT THE US RESERVE PRIOR TO ROUND III.
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